

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 72-21

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Councilmembers Marks & Patoka

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By the County Council, July 6, 2021

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Charter – Department of Public Works and Transportation – Director  
Qualifications

FOR the purpose of amending certain minimum qualifications for the Director of the Department  
of Public Works and Transportation; and generally relating to the Baltimore County  
Charter.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 525  
Article V – The Administrative Services  
Division 3 – Departments in the Administrative Services  
Baltimore County Charter

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the County Council enacted Bill 33-21 which renamed the  
2 Department of Public Works to the Department of Public Works and Transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, this renaming reflected the expanded nature of the Department's scope of  
4 operations and vision for the future; and

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of the Department's evolving mandate, the Council deems it  
6 appropriate to amend the minimum qualifications for the Department's Director to reflect their  
7 expanded duties; now therefore

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9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
10 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that under the authority granted to it by Section 1202 of the Baltimore  
11 County Charter, Section 525 of Article V - The Administrative Services, of the Baltimore  
12 County Charter, be and are hereby proposed to be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to  
13 read as follows:

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15 ARTICLE V - THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

16 Division 3 – Departments in the Administrative Services

17 Subdivision 2 – Department of Public Works AND TRANSPORTATION

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19 Section 525. Director of Public Works AND TRANSPORTATION.

20 The department of public works AND TRANSPORTATION shall be administered by the  
21 director of public works AND TRANSPORTATION. [who] THE DIRECTOR shall be a  
22 professional engineer registered under the laws of this state[, and shall have had responsible  
23 charge of engineering works over a period of at least ten years prior to his appointment] WITH

1 AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF RELEVANT SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE IN  
2 ENGINEERING WORKS, OR SHALL BE QUALIFIED WITH AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF  
3 SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE IN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND  
4 CONSTRUCTION, OR TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT. [He]  
5 THEY shall have such other qualifications as may be provided by law. [He] THEY shall be  
6 appointed solely with regard to [his] THEIR qualifications for the duties of [his] THEIR office  
7 and shall be responsible directly to the county administrative officer.

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9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that pursuant to Section 1202 of the  
10 Baltimore County Charter, the question of whether or not the Charter is to be amended as  
11 proposed by this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County at the general election  
12 on November 8, 2022, and that this Act shall be published in at least two newspapers of general  
13 circulation in the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

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15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that upon ratification by the voters of  
16 Baltimore County, this Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth day following said  
17 election.